



# MAG-41 NEWS

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## Colonel Hawkins Message



MAG-41 Marines and Families, unfortunately Col Hawkins was unexpectedly called out of town to be part of an important investigation. Because of the chain of events, Col Hawkins will not have a message for you this month.

However, He is always thinking of both the Marines and families, therefore I have included an article that recently appeared in the Sacramento Bee local paper on Sunday, August 15, 2004...It says the things we all know but find it hard to express some times. It also concurs with the message that Col Hawkins so openly expresses; Spouses married to the Military are also serving their country! So, this is dedicated to all our wives/spouses.

### *A military wife encounters a World War II veteran at the store. By Paige Swiney*

It was just another harried Wednesday afternoon trip to the commissary. My husband was off teaching young men to fly. My daughters were going about their daily activities knowing I would return to them at the appointed time, bearing, among other things, their favorite fruit snacks, frozen pizza and all the little extras that never had to be written down on a grocery list. My grocery list, by the way, was in my 16-month-old daughter's mouth, and I was lamenting the fact that the next four aisles of needed items would wait while extracting the last of my list from my daughter's mouth when I nearly ran over an old man.

This man clearly had no appreciation for the fact that I had 45 minutes left to finish the grocery shopping, pick up my 4-year old from tumbling class and get to school, where my 12-year-old and her car pool mates would be waiting.

I knew men didn't belong in a commissary, and this old guy was no exception. He stood in front of the soap selection staring blankly, as if he'd never had to choose a bar of soap in his life. I was ready to bark an order at him when I realized there was a tear on his face.

Instantly, this grocery isle roadblock transformed into a human. "Can I help you find something?" I asked. He hesitated, and then told me he was looking for soap. "Any one in particular?" I continued. "Well, I'm trying to find my wife's brand of soap." I started to loan him my cell phone to call her when he said, "She died a year ago, and I just want to smell her again."

Chills ran down my spine. I don't think the 22,000- pound Mother of all Bombs could have had the same impact. As tears welled up in my eyes, my half-eaten grocery list didn't seem so important. Neither did fruit snacks or frozen pizza.

I spent the remainder of my time in the commissary that day listening to a man tell the story of how important his wife was to him -- how she took care of their children while he served our country. A retired, decorated World War II pilot who flew missions to protect Americans still needed the protection of a woman who served him at home.

My life was forever changed that day. Every time my husband works too late or leaves before the crack of dawn, I try to remember the sense of importance I felt that day in the commissary. Some times the monotony of laundry, housecleaning, grocery shopping and taxi driving leaves military wives feeling empty -- the kind of emptiness that is rarely fulfilled when our husbands come home and don't want to or can't talk about work. We need to be reminded, at times, of the important role we fill for our family and for our country.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **October 14th: 5K Pumpkin Run**
- ♦ **October 16th: Annual Mud Run**
- ♦ **October 29th : Children's Halloween Party Desert Storm Club 6:00-7:30**
- ♦ **November 20th: Marine Corps Birthday Ball Hyatt Regency East, DFW Airport**
- ♦ **December 18th: Family Christmas Party**



### Special points of interest:

- ♦ Newsletter is available on MAG-41 website- <http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmaw/mag41>
- ♦ **MSSC ONESOURCE** 1-800-433-6868 or visit their website at: [www.mccsonesource.com](http://www.mccsonesource.com) (user id: marines password: semper fi)

## A note from Elizabeth Hawkins

Key Volunteer Advisor

Hello Families,

Hard to believe that Holiday festivities are just around the corner! As you are planning your family activities you will want to mark some of the dates below on your calendars!

First is the Marine Mud Run, details are on the next page– this is one that you do NOT want to miss. Next, the base will be having their annual Halloween Party on October 29th, games, food and pumpkins for all.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is on November 20th at the Hyatt Regency. Get your babysitters lined up NOW so you can dance ALL NIGHT. The MAG-41 headquarters Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 18th. More information will be sent in next months newsletter.

As the Holidays approach, life seems to get busier and busier; remember to slow down and appreciate all that you have. In addition, nothing is more important than you and your family, so take time for yourself and your families.

As always, we are looking for some more Key Volunteers to help with our Family Readiness program. If you would like more information on volunteering your time to help with Marine families, please contact Elena Leal, Key Volunteer Coordinator at leale.ctr@ mfr.usmc.mil



## PROMOTIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to the Marines who received a promotion in September. We are proud of you.

\* SGT GARCIA, ALICIA

\* SGT BABCOCK, ANTHONY D.



## SEPTEMBER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Marines for receiving the NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

- ◆ Sgt Houston, Jason C.
- ◆ GySgt Enriquez, Eugene L. (2nd medal)
- ◆ SSgt Nash, Paul M.
- ◆ SSgt Williams, Steve L.



CONGRATULATIONS!  
Sgt Robbins, Teresa A.

For receiving the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal and Certificate in August!

(Sorry this was left out in the September edition!)

## Jane Wayne Day

MAG-41 celebrated the second JANE WAYNE Day on Sept. 18, 2004. The intent of Jane Wayne day is to give spouses a better picture of what Marines do, how they train, and what they wear. We were very fortunate that our Marine Spouses were joined by an ARMY, NAVY, and AIRFORCE spouse. A true "joint" effort!

After "checking in" and a short safety brief, the Jane Wayne participants were divided into three groups and were then escorted to different stations within the MAG to "experience" real job duties.

One of the stations included shooting an Air Assault Rifle, operating Heavy Equipment (Bull Dozer) and a chance to learn the new Marine Corps Marshall Arts program. Group 2 proved to be the Sharpshooters on the Air Assault Rifle.

The next station gave each group a tour of the F/A –18 and C-130 squadrons.

After touring the squadrons, the groups had the opportunity to fly in the F-18 flight simulator and to go to the Night Vision Lab, where each participant was allowed to wear the Night Vision Goggles that are used by "special forces" and pilots in the field. Group 1 showed us that they were TOP GUNS in the simulator.

Facility (ISMT). At this station the participants were to experience a "simulated" battle with which included shooting at "bad guys". Keep your eyes on Group 3, they were relentless with killing all that got in their way!

After experiencing a small portion of what Marines do everyday, each participant received a certificate as well as their own personal "dog tags". Everyone truly enjoyed their day and the experiences they were able to share with the Marines.

I know there are many of you saying, "I wish I could have done that" Well, no worries, you CAN! We are planning another Jane Wayne Day in early 2005– Keep you eye out for more details in a future issue MAG-41 NEWS.

PARTICIPANTS:

**GROUP 1:** Mic Haight, Lauri Simmons, Shannon Dodson, Donna Garcia and Michelle McGimsey.

**GROUP 2:** Melissa Baker, Janet Cuevas, Cori James, Heather Watson, Sandee Dorman, and Stephanie Young

**GROUP 3:** Brad and Brett Vandemark, Peg Monego, Shelly McCormack, Brenda Tillman and Tania McIntosh

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**BASE DECALS.** Effective November 1, 2004 base decals will be required to enter NAS JRB. To obtain a base decal you must go to the Visitor Control Center (VCC) Monday-Saturday from 0800-1500. For more information contact the VCC at ext. 3058. The following items will be required to get your base decal.

- a. Military Identification Card
- b. Valid Driver's License
- c. Valid Insurance
- d. Valid Vehicle Registration

## Now Playing at the Theatre on Base.....

Ticket prices: Adults \$3.00

### Oct 1

Anacondas: The hunt for blood- PG-13

6:00

Suspect zero- R- 8:30

### Oct 2

Superbabies- PG- 2:00

Without a Paddle- (last) PG-13 - 4:30

Open Water (last)- R 7:30

### Oct 3

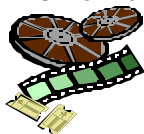
Princess Diaries 2- G- 2:00

Exorcist: The beginning- R - 4:30

### Oct 8

The Cookout- PG-13 6:00

Hero- PG 13- 8:30



### Oct 9

Princess Diaries 2- (last) G- 2:00

Anacondas- PG-13 - 4:30

Suspect Zero- PG-13 7:00

### Oct 10

Superbabies- PG-2:00

Alien vs. Predator- (last) R- 4:30

### Oct 15

Cellular- PG 13- 6:00

Paparazzi- PG 13 - 8:30

### Oct 16

Superbabies- PG-2:00

Hero- PG 13- 4:30

Vanity Fair PG 13- 7:00

### Oct 17

Superbabies (last) PG- 2:00

The Cookout PG 13- 4:30

## MARINES NEEDED:

### Tarrant County Young Marines Program needs you!

TCYM teaches Young Marines USMC Leadership Traits, Core Values, and Character building. In addition to the drills, the young Marines will do community service, march in Parades (FW & San Antonio), fund raisers & have a Young Marine Encampment each year.

TCYM needs Marines to help teach classes, do drills, PT etc. A new 'basic training' began on Sept 11th. There are approx. 20 new 'recruits', and will run 6 consecutive weekends. Their crucible is the Mud Run (Oct 16th). They will graduate the next day, Oct. 17th at the Ceremonial Hangar.

This is a very rewarding experience for both the youth and the MARINE, and it gives our youths a very positive outlook involving the military.

For more information, please contact Sgt Burdett at SBurdett@bass-net.com

## Chaplain's Corner

### SPIRITUAL READINESS

In an anonymous story entitled *The Hut*, the only survivor of a shipwreck is washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed fervently for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store his few possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried out in anger and despair. Early the next morning he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is so easy to become discouraged when things are not going well, when life seems to be falling apart. But take courage! Do not lose heart. God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of the pain and suffering. Paul wrote, "...in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:12).

The prayer of faith does not wallow in hopelessness but rather offers the seemingly hopeless situation up in thanksgiving that God's strength and presence might become evident in the situation. When the tears of pain and suffering and fear begin to flow...LET YOUR TEARS BE YOUR PRAYERS. The next time your hut begins to burn, offer it as a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

Chaplain Neal Moquin  
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MARINE MUD RUN is October 16th, 2004  
\* ALL PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING 12 AND UNDER) ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR LONG PANTS AND SHOES COVERING THE ANKLE ( BOOTS). A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE DRIVE HOME.

Individuals are \$20.00 or Teams of 5 for \$75.00  
(15 or older)

Kids Mud Run for 12 and under \$20.00

RACE DIRECTOR - MAJ P.T. COURTAWAY

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For more info or for an entry form go to  
www.mudrundfw.com



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## MAG-41 Mission Statement

MAG-41 will train, man, equip, and sustain an expeditionary aviation combat element, CFACC element, an aviation logistics squadron, a fighter-attack squadron, and an aerial refueler/assault support squadron in order to deploy/employ as a MAG/ACE, a special purpose MAGTF, or any combination of capabilities ISO MAGTF or Combined/Joint Warfare.



## 5 K Pumpkin Run

October 14, 2004 Register by 1000 Run Begins 1130. For more info call 782-6122

## NAS/JRB FORT WORTH MARINE SPOUSES CLUB

The MARINE SPOUSES CLUB is open to all Marines Spouses in the Ft Worth Area. The main purpose of this organization is to have an outlet to meet other Marine spouses and have people to socialize with. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, locations will vary. \*\*For those Marines that are not married, your significant other or your parents are welcome to join any of the meetings.

Dues will be \$10.00 per year. We will have the opportunity to do different fundraisers during the year to earn money that we can donate to a variety of charities or can be donated to different Marine Units for their Family and Volunteer events.

Our next meeting will be on October 12th 6:00p.m. at 8.0 in Sundance Square Downtown.

Please RSVP to Cindy Olbrich by Oct.11th at: olbrichc@sbcglobal.net

### STATE FAIR

Buy your tickets at the Ticket Corral and save money! Adults \$10.00, Children \$7.25 and children under 2 are free.

Bus to the Fair on Thursday October 7th. The bus will depart from the Bowling Center at 0900 and return at approximately 1600 (4:00). Please register at the center. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Deadline is October 5th.

## Children's Halloween Party

October 29, 2004  
6:00-7:30

Tickets will be on sale at the Ticket Corral (bowling alley) from Oct. 1-Oct. 28. NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR. Military: child- \$2.00 Adult- \$3.00 DOD/BOP: Child-\$3.00 adult- \$4.00

Activities include: games, bounce houses, obstacle course, train ride, pumpkin decorating, photo area, goody bag, refreshments and light hors d' Oeuvres for adults.

## Historic Salado, Texas Pre Holiday Trip November 30, 2004

**\$15.00 per person**

Bus will depart Bowling Center, Bldg 1815 at 0800 and return by approximately 1800 (6:00). Purchase ticket at the bowling center no later than November 15. Seating is limited. Must have 20 for bus to make trip